Weekly Activity Report for the Week of January 27-31, 2014 for Region 6 Superfund Division

EXPLO SYSTEMS, INC, MINDEN, LA: On January 22, 2014, the PRPs-General Dynamics and ATK signed an AOC to voluntarily remove approximately 2.5M lbs. of explosives (tritonal/aluminum/TNT, M30 propellant, composition H6, and nitrocellulose). The AOC takes effect on January 30, 2014. On January 22-24, 2014 EPA oversaw the initiation of sampling for stability testing of 3M lbs M6 propellant in Camden, AR. The sampling and analysis of the M6 propellant in Camden, AR is ongoing. The EPA met with another PRP, at Camp Minden to assess additional explosive materials within the magazines on January 29-30, 2014. The Louisiana Military Department has requested a meeting between management/decision makers of the EPA, LDEQ, LSP, and LMD in early February to discuss future plans for the explosives at Camp Minden. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 5th. (**Broyles, x3166**)

RSR SITE TOUR: On Thursday morning, January 30, 2014, the site RPM conducted a site tour of all Operable Units associated with the RSR Superfund site. The tour was conducted at the request of the City of Dallas Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Monica R. Alonso, and will also include her support staff. (**Faultry, x2731**)

<u>TAR CREEK SUPERFUND SITE</u>: On January 30, 2014, EPA-Headquarters Optimization Team traveled to Oklahoma and met with the Stakeholders as part of their optimization efforts. Stakeholders included ODEQ, BIA, the Quapaw Tribe, 8 Tribes, Chat Processors. (Faultry, x2731)

SAN JACINTO SUPERFUND SITE: On January 30, 2014, the EPA conducted a site community meeting at the Highlands Community Center. The meeting provided an update to the community on the status of the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study for the site. The meeting also provided the community an opportunity to provide input to EPA regarding issues and concerns that they have for the site. (**Faultry, x2731**)

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS 1/27 – 1/31/2014

COASTAL LOUISIANA SPCC/FRP INSPECTIONS, GOLDEN MEADOWS, LA: EPA will be conducting SPCC and FRP inspections near Golden Meadow, LA. The inspections were previously scheduled for the week of 1/27 but were postponed due to weather. The State and USCG will also be participating in the inspections. These inspections support the Oil Team's Coastal Initiative in the area. (Broyles, x3166)

GHG/ ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT AIR PERMIT REVIEWS – SF MEETING ALL DUE DATES: Four assessments (GSEC, C3 Petrochemicals, Victoria Power Station and Enterprise Chambers) were completed on schedule by 1/30/2014, bringing Superfund's total assessments completed to 10 as of this date. Five assessments are remaining for a total of 15 assessments in this phase. The 6PD Air Permits Section requested Superfund's assistance in reviewing Biological Assessments for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) permits and Endangered Species Act Permit Reviews. (Banipal, x7324)

KIRTLAND AFB JET FUEL SPILL PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT PETITION: On January 27, 2014, the Superfund Division sent a response to David McCoy with Citizen Action New Mexico for a Preliminary Assessment (PA) petition for the jet fuel spill at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque, NM. Executive Order 12580 delegates the responsibility for conducting the PA to the Air Force as lead federal agency. The PA petition was forwarded to Ms. Kathleen Ferguson, Acting Assistant Secretary for Installation, Environment and Logistics, of the Air Force for further necessary actions. (Banipal, x7324)

<u>UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD PAYS 100 PERCENT OF PAST COSTS FOR DEL RIO</u>
<u>DERAILMENT:</u> On February 7, 2012, a train owned by Union Pacific Railroad (UP) derailed approximately 15 miles east of Del Rio, Texas. EPA responded to this emergency response conducted by UP. EPA monitored activities until all the rail cars were up righted and secured and then remobilized on February 28, 2012, when the damaged but secure tank cars were transferred. UP reimbursed EPA oversight costs totaling \$51,373. (Banipal, x7324)

ISSUES/EVENTS

EXXON MAYFLOWER OIL SPILL JUDICIAL REFERRAL UPDATE, MAYFLOWER, AR: With DOJ assistance, EPA provided responses to Exxon's first set of interrogatories. (Broyles, x3166)

VERMICULITE PRODUCTS, INC, HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNT, TX: Vermiculite Products Inc. is an active vermiculite exfoliation facility that processes vermiculite for use in concrete aggregate. EPA identified actionable Libby amphibole asbestos soil contamination in soil piles on an adjacent property which is undergoing residential redevelopment. An emergency response action has been approved to remove and appropriately dispose of the contaminated soil piles. EPA is implementing a removal assessment to determine the extent of contamination. In conjunction with the removal action EPA is planning outreach activities for local elected officials and the community. (Broyles. x3166)